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Four Types of Prostatitis

Prostatitis may account for up to 25 percent of all office visits by young and middle-age men for complaints involving the genital and urinary systems. For more information contact The American Foundation for Urologic Disease at 1-800-242-2382.

Acute Bacterial Prostatitis

- The least common of the four types but the easiest to diagnose and treat effectively.
- Chills, fever, pain in the lower back and genital area, urinary frequency and urgency

Chronic Bacterial Prostatitis

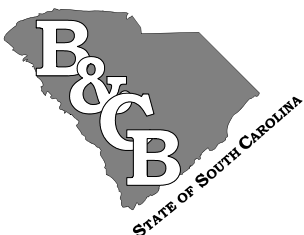
- Underlying defect in the prostate, a focal point for bacterial persistence in the urinary tract.
- Effective treatment usually requires identifying and removing the defect and then treating the infection with antibiotics.

Chronic Prostatitis/Chronic Pelvic Pain Syndrome

- Urine, semen and other fluids from the prostate show no evidence of a known infection.
- May or may not have infection fighting cells present.
- May have no evidence of inflammation.

Asymptomatic Inflammatory Protatitis

- Patient does not complain of pain or discomfort.
- Infection fighting cells are present in semen.



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